

SAFE-CRACKERS AGAIN AT WORK

White Mountain Water Company Is Robbed of Nearly \$500--Work Was Done in a Quick and Expeditious Manner--Police Have Clue.

Professional safe crackers were at work in the town last night, and the result of their work was the robbery of the safe of the White Mountain Water Company of nearly five hundred dollars.

They were no ordinary yeggmen who did that job; they were up to date, accomplished safe blowers, for the job was one of the neatest that has ever been turned anywhere. A little hole drilled under the combination, a fulminating cap stuck into it, with a fuse attached, blankets thrown over the work, and an explosion that was not heard ten feet away, and the work was done. It was but the work of a few moments to pry open the inside vault, and the wooden drawers, and everything in the safe was the property of the robbers.

The office of the company is located on Florence avenue, this side of the Celtic hotel. The company is owned and operated by C. Pritchard. Yesterday was a heavy day for collections, and there were left in the safe in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars. Omer Stewart always sleeps in the room back of the office, and for that reason Mr. Pritchard felt no qualms in leaving that much money in the safe. But last night the young man went to the show, and the safe crackers easily forced an entrance into his room through a sliding window, and from the room it was but a step to the safe. Mr. Stewart returned from the theater a little after 11 o'clock, and the first thing he noticed was that the outer door of the office was open. He did not marvel much at this, but when he turned on the electric light and saw the wreck, he gasped in astonishment, and then ran for the telephone to ring up his employer. Being unable to get the number at the time, he rang up the police, and in response to his call, Captain Welsh, Detective Bud Carberry, and Deputy A. Haag were soon on the ground.

It did not take the officers long to go over the work of the professionals. The manner in which the job had been done was clear as daylight. The safe crackers had taken the precaution to take with them all their own tools, those of the office which they had used were scattered about the floor. The door of the safe was wide open, and the tumblers of the combination, with the combination, the lock and handle were on the floor close to the safe, and a couple of blankets which had been taken from the bed in the inner room were close by. A chisel and a hammer belonging to the office, which had been used by the robbers, were also on the floor.

The work was evidently done by men familiar with the surroundings, and the men were sure of their ground. They had made a careful survey of the premises, and knew just how to effect an entrance, and were evidently posted as to the police.

RUSH IS ON AGAIN TO AN OLD CREEK

(By Associated Press.)

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 30.—Miners at Fairbanks say there is every reason to believe that the coming season will see new life in the old Birch Creek diggings, back of Circle City. Many Tanana miners have become interested in the shallow diggings of the north fork of Birch and every few days sees an outfit start for that region. It is one of the odd things about the history of Alaska that Birch creek, at one time the greatest active placer field in the world, should have been abandoned at the time of the Klondike strike. Wages were \$10 a day and board, and new ground was opening up when the phenomenal riches of the Klondike caused men who were making money to drop their holdings and rush to the new diggings.

Today the miners are beginning to realize the great extent and regularity of the pay on the tributaries of Birch creek. Robert Warren, who has just returned to Fairbanks from Birch, reports having opened up a piece of ground at the mouth of McLean creek, where for a time he averaged \$2 an hour, and where the average bar diggings worked this summer gave \$6 a day.

READY TO TAKE UP DUTY

STATE POLICE WILL SOON REPLACE UNITED STATES TROOPS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Senator Nixon of Nevada informed the President today that the new constabulary of Nevada will be organized and ready to take up the duty of policing Goldfield in two weeks. This will make it possible to withdraw the United States troops now stationed there.

movements of young Stewart. The police were at a loss for a clue, for a pretty close watch has been kept on all comers, and nobody who had the appearance of turning a trick like this has been overlooked. A search for suspicious characters was kept up all the night and this morning. At the hour of going to press two well known characters of the city were under the surveillance of the police.

PORTUGAL IS SLUMBERING ON VOLCANO

(By Associated Press.)

LISBON, Jan. 30.—For the purpose of escaping censorship, the following dispatch was sent to the frontier for transmission: "Lisbon is outwardly calm, but there is a steady increase of seriousness and excitement among all classes of the population, owing to constant rumors of plots and counter-plots, and the persistent activity of the police, who daily and nightly examine the houses of suspects and make arrests. On the night of January 28th, there was a bloody fight in a small restaurant on the outskirts of the city. Suspecting the residence of a crowd of conspirators, the police surrounded and raided the restaurant. The policemen were met by a volley of bullets, one of them being killed and four wounded. The conspirators managed to keep the authorities at bay until they made their escape. Later in the same night a score of suspected agitators were arrested and imprisoned in one of the fortresses."

Acting on information from the secret service, the police have raided several houses and discovered large stores of revolvers and ammunition. A lieutenant of customs and many individuals were arrested, charged with conspiracy.

Abe Ruef Denounces Double-Dealing Charge

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Abraham Ruef, the former political boss of this city, this morning in open court denounced as untrue the statement of District Attorney Langdon that he had been in communication with the other defendants in the United Railroads cases. Tonight he issued a statement in which he repeated his denial of his alleged double dealing. He charged the prosecution with violating its solemn word of honor and written pledges and accused the district attorney of trying to force him into absolute compliance with certain demands by securing his conviction, then under the promise of leniency to compel him to testify. He reiterated that he had kept faith and asserted that he was now and always has been willing to testify to the truth as he had done before the Grand Jury.

GOVERNOR SPARKS TO APPOINT COX

Executive Places Him at Head of State Police--Lawmakers Find that Increase of Salary for Lieutenant-Governor Is Unconstitutional.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 30.—The Senate passed a resolution this afternoon setting the time of adjournment of the special session of the Legislature for noon Saturday.

Considerable debate was caused by the proposed increase in the salary of the Lieutenant Governor from \$1800 to \$3000 a year. It was found that the measure was unconstitutional, as the office is elective. A substitute was offered making the Lieutenant Governor commissioner of the new police force, carrying an appropriation of \$1200 a year. After several attempts were made to reduce the salary, the bill finally passed the Senate.

A special committee introduced a measure making it a felony to offer a bribe to any officer of any labor organization to induce him to cause a strike or prevent the appearance or furnish testimony in the case of a criminal or civil trial. The bill passed the Senate this afternoon.

Governor Sparks announced late today that he would appoint W. L. Cox superintendent of police. Captain Cox is the personal representative of Governor Sparks at Goldfield. He is a well known business man of Reno. The office carries with it a title of captain and a salary of \$3600 per annum.

DEATH LURKED IN MINE

NINE MEN KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION IN NEW RIVER COLLIERY.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Nine miners met death in the New River colliery, forty-five miles from here, near Hawks Nest, this afternoon, in an explosion that partly wrecked the mine. Twenty-five men were in the mine at the time of the explosion and eight of the nine dead were instantly killed. The other sixteen escaped with only slight injury.

CARNEGIE FUND FOR HELPLESS

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—The executive committee of the Carnegie hero fund commission today gave \$25,000 to the widows and children of the 250 miners killed last month in the Darr mine disaster at Jacobs Creek, Pa.

THAW MAY LEARN HIS FATE TODAY

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—William Travers Jerome, representative of the people, made a masterly plea today that justice be done in the case of Harry Kendall Thaw. Vindictiveness, sneers and insinuations, all were lacking. A logical analysis and a calm consideration of facts were their substitutes. It was no blind appeal for vengeance of the law that Jerome addressed to the jury, but ever and always there was a note of fairness, even at times, of mercy. The year that has elapsed since the first trial had wrought a wonderful and startling change in the prosecutor. No longer attempting to shield the name of Stanford White, he accepted the story told by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw as true, all but drugging, and he made a frank confession to the jury that velvet swings and mirrored rooms of the studio house, described by the girl, were indeed a miserable reality. No longer attacking Evelyn Thaw as the skilled adventuress, Jerome pleaded for the girl because she had never had a chance for any of the higher, cleaner, sweeter things of life. The climax came, however, when Jerome denounced both Thaw and White in one breath, and classed them as "two degenerates quarreling over a woman," and the woman, the prosecutor declared, knew no more, had been taught no more by the world, than to play one against the other until in jealous rage, in blind hatred, in vengeance of "an undeniably gross wrong done to his wife," Harry Thaw shot and killed the architect.

The case will go to the jury tomorrow morning. Thaw may know his fate before the setting of another sun. Justice Downing will begin his charge as soon as court convenes tomorrow morning.

THREE CHILDREN HURT BY EXPLOSION

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 30.—The three young daughters of J. Israel were burned today by an explosion of dynamite. The elder two will probably not recover, while there are chances for the third, a baby eight months old. The father was engaged in thawing out blasting powder at a kitchen stove when the explosion occurred.

FLEET NEAR THE MAGELLAN STRAITS

(By Associated Press.)
BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 30.—The following special dispatch was received here this evening: "Cape Virgins—An American battleship in sight, making for the Magellan Straits. Judging by the smoke on the horizon, it is presumed to be the vanguard of the fleet bound to the Pacific."

STOCK MARKET WAS VERY DULL

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The profound dullness of the stock market was its salient feature today. Outside participation was a negligible quantity. Professionals seemed much indisposed to operate on the one side of the market as on the other. Influences which were current in the early part of the day were unmistakably depressing in sentiment. The improvement had little effect in prompting an active commitment, owing to a desire to await the publication of President Roosevelt's special message to Congress tomorrow and observe its effect on general opinion. Bonds were irregular.

VIRGINIA CITY MAN IS MISSING

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—T. B. Meador, who is well known socially in Virginia, Nev., is missing from the St. Francis, where he was a guest for eighteen days in December, and again from January 4th to 11th.

While Meador was out for a good time and spending money freely, his hotel account was promptly paid, and the query among his friends is, "What has become of him?" A detective called at the hotel yesterday and showed a check for \$350, purporting to have been offered recently by Meador and now claimed to be worthless. People of Virginia were unable to throw any light on the subject for the local sleuths. The theory is either that Meador has been entertained somewhere in town or has met with foul play.

SUPERINTENDENT OF MINE CONVICTED

SAN ANDREAS, Jan. 30.—After a trial in the Superior Court on the charge of attempting criminal assault, Luther Everett, a prominent mining superintendent of this county, was found guilty as charged. The trial occupied six days. Everett is superintendent of the North Star mines, near Mokelumne hill, and came to this county from Oakland about two years ago. He has a wife and grown daughter. The assault was made on Miss Leavitt last June. She is a seventeen-year-old girl, a neighbor of the Everetts. After a desperate battle she fought the man away without sustaining injury.